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SUBJECT: THAI-VIETNAMESE TALKS

1. DURING THAI-VIETNAMESE TALKS IN HANOI LAST WEEK, THAI REPORTEDLY OBTAINED AGREEMENT TO OVERFLY VIETNAM EN ROUTE TO AND FROM HONG KONG, WHICH WILL ALSO ALLOW OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD OBTAINED OVERFLIGHT AGREEMENTS FROM HANOI, TO FOLLOW SAME ROUTE. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO SRV VISITING LAOS EN ROUTE TO BANGKOK SAID THAT MEMBER OF THAI DELEGATION HAD INFORMED GERMAN DIPLOMAT IN HANOI, WHO IN TURN TOLD BELGIAN, THAT VIETNAMESE HAD APPROVED THAI REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT PRIVILEGE. OTHER AIRLINES SUCH AS LUFTHANSA OR SABENA APPARENTLY HAD ALREADY OBTAINED OVERFLIGHT AGREEMENTS FROM HANOI BUT, BECAUSE THAI HAD NOT YET DONE SO, THEY WERE UNABLE TO OVERFLY VIETNAM TO AND
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FROM BANGKOK. NOW THAT THAI HAVE OBTAINED SUCH

AN AGREEMENT, THEY AND OTHER AIRLINES SHOULD BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THIS ROUTE.

2. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THAI AND LAO REACHED OVERFLIGHT AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR DIRECT BANGKOK-HONG KONG FLIGHTS. BANGKOK MAY WISH TO CHECK ON VIETNAMESE AND LAO AGREEMENTS WITH THAI.

3. AFP CORRESPONDENT JEAN CLAUDE FIOL SEPARATELY TOLD EMBOFF THAT BEFORE THAI SIGNED COMMUNIQUE IN HANOI THEY HAD TO CALL BANGKOK FOR AUTHORITY TO DO SO.
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